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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 28,  
2007. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of this  
amendment and the remarks below is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins  
on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.